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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL. NATO

SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE: US TEXT ON PRIORITIES

REF: A. STATE 249543

B. USNATO 6247

C. USNATO 6239

D. USNATO 6018

1. ALLIED DRC REPS AND IS HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT  
NATIONAL AND NATO FORCE PLANNERS SHOULD DENY REPEAT DENY RESOURCE  
EMPHASIS TO FORCES WHICH NATO CANNOT USE DURING FIRST FEW DAYS  
OF HOSTILITIES (REFS B, C, AND D). MISSION BELIEVES ALLIES  
WILL SEIZE ON US LANGUAGE (REF A) QUOTE INITIAL COMBAT  
CAPABILITIES IN ANY SCENARIO ARE MORE IMPORTANT FOR DETERRENCE  
WHAN SUPPORT OR SUSTAINING CAPABILITIES WHICH CAN BE MOBILIZED  
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END QUOTE TO SUPPORT SHORT WAR VIEW IN OPPOSITION TO US POSITION.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT LANGUAGE REF A BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT. GENERAL CONCEPTS. NATO SHOULD RETAIN THE GENERAL

THRUST OF THE PRIORITIES SET FORTH IN PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND IN THE COURSE OF THE AD-70 EXERCISE. INITIAL COMBAT CAPABILITIES IN ANY SCENARIO ARE MORE IMPORTANT FOR DETERRENCE THAN SUPPORT OR SUSTAINING CAPABILITIES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MOBILIZE NECESSARY REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPORT. ALSO, INITIAL COMBAT FORCES INCLUDE HIGHLY READY FORCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR MOBILIZATION AND REINFORCEMENT DURING ALL PLAUSIBLE SCENARIOS. IN THE CASE OF FULL WARSAW PACT MOBILIZATION OF THREE WEEKS DURATION, INITIAL NATO FORCES WOULD INCLUDE THOSE COMBAT READY FORCES AVAILABLE BY MPLUS30. THIS GENERAL CONCEPT CARRIES WITH IT A NEED TO PROVIDE FOR CRITICAL MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES AND LEVELS OF MUNITIONS SUFFICIENT TO OUTLAST INITIAL PACT STOCKS. END TEXT.

3. MISSION IS WITHHOLDING CIRCULATION OF TEXT PARAGRAPH 39  
PENDING WASHINGTON REPLY.  
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